

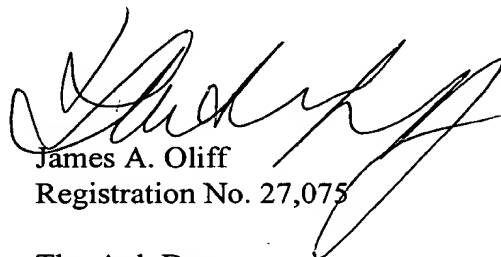
REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending. By this Amendment, the specification and claims 1-30 are amended. The specification and claims 1-30 are amended for clarity. No new matter is added.

The above amendments place the application in even better condition for initial examination. Prompt consideration and allowance in due courses are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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